

# Sailors, Families Celebrate Holidays

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USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72) Sailors and their families spent quality time together while attending the Kids Christmas Party hosted by Abe’s Morale, Welfare and Recreation, at Naval Station Everett Dec. 2.

Attendees were entertained with arts and crafts, caricatures, clowns making balloon hats and swords, and a magic performance with the help of some child volunteers.

“I’m glad we could give them an opportunity to come out and celebrate Christmas,” said Electrician’s Mate Second Class (SW) Corrine Jensen, who helped kids with arts and crafts.

The Commons’ ballroom was full of families enjoying the food provided, as raffles for stuffed toys, board games, and other games were taking place.

The main attraction was having a photo taken with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Following the photo, each child was given a present. Aviation Ordinanceman Third Class Heather Kelsay helped pass out the presents.

“There are different presents for different age groups. From 0-2 years, 3-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-11 years, and 12-14 years old,” Kelsay said. “Some presents include stuffed animals, noise-making toys, and games.”

Yeoman Second Class (SW/AW) James Manabat and Airman (AW) Chris Devilbliss sold over 250 tickets at the front desk, and



Photo by MCSN Brandon Wilson  
**A Navy family has it’s portrait taken with Santa during the Kids Christmas Party held at Naval Base Everett for USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72) Sailors and their families December 2.**

totalled the amount of presents given out to nearly 400.

“We did the same thing last year,” Manabat said. “We volunteer to do this every year.”

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## Lincoln Recognizes Native American Heritage

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Sailors from all races, creeds and religions work together while serving a common goal in the U.S. Navy. With a permanent crew of over 3,000 Sailors, USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) is a virtual melting pot where people of all of these backgrounds come together to serve their country and

celebrate their differences.

The Department of Defense celebrated National Native American History Month in November, and many Sailors aboard Lincoln learned about the cultures and lifestyles of Native Americans firsthand.

One of Lincoln’s Sailors, Information Systems Technician Norma Shorthair, is from a Navajo reservation in Shonto, Arizona, surrounded by the Four Sacred Mountains where they conduct traditional

ceremonies.

Navajo describe their lineage in a system that identifies who individuals are. Shorthair is of the Many Goats People Clan, and is born for the Tangle People Clan. Her maternal grandparents are born for the Reed people, and paternal grandparents are of the Red Running Into Water People Clan

Shorthair said she realizes her background sets her apart, but she embraces

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## At The Movies

# Rise of Taj Falls Into Movie Dumpsters

By MC2(SW) Dan Cleary

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Welcome again movie goers to the wild and crazy world of cinema.

This week's movie is the comedy "National Lampoon's Van Wilder: The Rise of Taj" starring Kal Penn ("Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle") and directed by Mort Nathan ("Boat Trip").

The hero of the movie is Taj Badalandabad, who was Van Wilder's assistant in the first movie. Having learned all Van's tricks Taj takes his knowledge to a new college in London. At this new school he hopes to live up to his mentor's legend.

A kink gets thrown in his plans when his new fraternity house, The Cock & Bulls, is a dump full of social degenerates. To make matter worse the coolest fraternity on campus, The Fox & Hounds, seem to have it out for Taj and his friends.

Taj decides to whip his new friends into shape to beat the Fox & Hounds at the annual school games to win the Hastings Cup.

He has his work cut out for him if he wants to turn his new friends into super stars and live up to the Van Wilder legacy.

This movie was the cheesiest thing I've seen since the last time I had pizza.

The plot was totally predictable and has been used before. Most college comedies follow the same story. A group of underdog teens beat the coolest kids in school and everybody lives happily ever after.

The reason people see these college comedies are not for the story but for the jokes, unfortunately this movie does not bring the funny.

Another bad point to this movie is all the characters are extremely stereotypical. First, add your cool and confident hero, your really popular jerk jock, your super cool super cute girl who also is the jerk jock's girlfriend, and stir in a couple geeks you got yourself a college comedy.

Overall, there is no reason to see this movie except maybe extreme boredom, which I fell victim to. Although the movies that came out last week were less than desirable, never fear. Over the next couple of weeks and Christmas there's going to a whole host of movies to see.

So, let the Rise of Taj fall to the dumps and wait 'til next week to see a new movie.

"Rise of Taj" falls horribly on its face. With more cheese than Wisconsin, the movie is hard to watch. Overall, avoid like the Black Plague. One out of five.



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# NEWS

## Uniform Standards, A Lasting Impression

**From FLTCM(SW/AW) Jacqueline DiRosa**

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Did you ever sit beside someone who smelled badly? It didn't have to be a strong odor, just enough that it made you notice. Think about how you reacted to that person.

Did you feel that person was ready for the day? Did you feel he or she needed some help? How much respect did you have for that person? More than likely, you thought less of that person because cleanliness was a simple matter for you.

Now think about your uniform appearance. Does it really matter? The truth is it does.

Whether you're working with seniors or subordinates, people notice a squared-away Sailor. And whether they say something or not, it affects the way they will treat you. All of those catchy phrases, "Perception is reality," and "First impressions are lasting impressions," those phrases persist simply because they contain universal truths.

People will make assumptions about your character, performance and values based on your appearance. Those first perceptions will last regardless of who you are and what you do.

A sloppy uniform reflects a person who may be sloppy in job performance, watchstanding and many other areas. When I see someone in a sloppy uniform or someone with a blatant disregard for the regulations it raises many questions in my mind ... if sloppy in uniform are they sloppy in their job, watch standing, etc.

If they fail to pay attention to the simple details of the uniform regs do they fail to pay attention to other critical details of their job making them a vulnerable target?

Uniform regulations spell out exactly what is necessary to maintain a sharp appearance and meet standards. There is no guesswork involved. This applies to wearing the prescribed uniform as well as the optional items, such as backpacks.

Bright orange, purple, green – these are all the colors of back-

packs you should NOT be carrying while in uniform. Navy blue OR black are the only two colors authorized according to the Uniform Regulations.

Failing to take care of those small details that make up a sharp appearance brings a person's entire character into question. A sharp uniform creates a positive impression. Those who wear a sharp uniform carry themselves differently ... with pride and confidence.

We are all responsible for enforcing the standards and holding each other accountable for their appearance. Often, Sailors can turn themselves around just by having a good mentor who sets them straight.

If you are a mentor, make sure your Sailors understand the importance of taking pride in their uniform. Set the bar high. Their success or failure in this basic area will affect their entire outlook on the Navy. If you're in need of a mentor or role model, look around and find one that can challenge you to be your best.

Squared-away Sailors decide daily that their career, self-respect and the respect of others depend upon how well they present themselves. Nobody wants to sit next to the smelly guy, or worse, be that person. Only you can choose your fate and either be viewed as a vulnerable target or a fortress. What will be the lasting impression you leave on people you meet?



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her family's traditions and background. Although her religion may seem unusual to some, the Navy is more than willing to accept and embrace Shorthair's culture, although she sometimes needs the Navy's permission to carry out her traditions.

"I have to run a request chit to practice some of my religious preferences," Shorthair said. "I'm part of something called the Native American Church, and I have to run a chit before I participate."

She continued, "When we were under-

way, my grandpa died, so in our culture it's a sign of mourning to let your hair down for four days. I had to run a request chit to do it."

In some cases, if Shorthair is a critical participant in a Navajo ceremony, she has to return to Shonto to conduct the ceremony within the Four Sacred Mountains of her reservation.

Despite her demanding service aboard Lincoln, Shorthair's culture will always be a priority. "Be proud of who you are; your race, your culture," says Shorthair. "Without it I'd be lost."

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## Final Words



# Shipmates

*The strength of a warship lies in the hearts and hands of its crew.*



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Sailors and their families lined up for balloon hats and animals during USS Abraham Lincoln's (CVN 72) Kids Christmas Party Dec. 2 at the Commons on Naval Station Everett. Abe's Morale, Welfare and Recreation office coordinated the events and gifts given away at the party.

## Editor's Top 10



### Reasons this guy is dressed like an elf...

10. In search of the Elf 2 auditions line.
9. He's a new check-in and his shipmates told him it was the only way to get his mail.
8. Even at 25, Tommy's mother still dresses him up.
7. It was laundry day.
6. He's completing the last part of his 'Santa's Helper' PQS.
5. Lost a bet, the other option involved shaving his head and walking backward through a corn field.
4. He is a real, but lesser known elf, by the name of Hot Carl.
3. Three words: Free Sleigh Rides.
2. Tore the "do not tear" tag off a mattress.
1. Is Canadian.

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